



## **News From the 2005 White House Conference on Aging**

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### **Florida Delegates to the 2005 White House Conference on Aging Announced**

The 2005 White House Conference on Aging (WHCoA) today announced the names of 36 delegates who will represent the state of Florida at the conference to be held in Washington, DC from December 11-14, 2005. The delegation consists of 9 delegates named by Governor Jeb Bush and 27 named by members of Florida's Congressional delegation.\*

Twelve hundred delegates from throughout the country will participate in the 2005 WHCoA, the fifth such conference in our nation's history. Delegates will vote on resolutions and develop implementation strategies that will help the President and Congress shape aging policies for the next ten years and beyond. WHCoA Policy Committee Chairman Dorcas R. Hardy said, "Each of us has an incredible opportunity to take action that will benefit current and future generations of American seniors. I look forward to greeting all the delegates when they come to Washington, DC energized and ready to make history."

The theme for the 2005 WHCoA is "The Booming Dynamics of Aging: From Awareness to Action." The theme reflects the changing face of aging in America. The 2005 WHCoA is mandated by the Older Americans Act to focus on the interests and needs of current seniors as well as the 78 million baby boomers who will begin to turn 60 in 2006. Leading up to the WHCoA have been approximately 300 local, state and national events held across the nation involving more than 60,000 people with more anticipated. These events include WHCoA Listening Sessions, Solutions Forums, Mini-Conferences and Independent Aging Agenda Events.

The formula for state distribution of delegates was based on a total of 200 delegates divided among the states, U.S. Territories, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. Each state had the opportunity to select a minimum of two delegates. Additional state delegates were based upon each state's percentage of individuals age 55 and older compared to the nation's total population of persons aged 55 and older. Each U.S. Territory, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia had the opportunity to select one delegate. The National Congress of American Indians received an allocation of 19 delegates to ensure representation from the American Indian nations. Each member of the Congressional delegation has named one delegate to the WHCoA. In addition, a number of At-Large Delegates will be selected by the Policy Committee based on an open application process that ends on June 1, 2005. Information about the WHCoA venue will be available shortly. More information about the WHCoA may be found on the website [<http://www.whcoa.gov>].

\* A list of Florida's delegates announced by the WHCoA follows. The list represents delegates named by the Governor and Members of Congress. At-Large Delegates, to be selected by the WHCoA Policy Committee, will be announced later by the WHCoA.

## **FLORIDA**

### **Gubernatorial delegates:**

Governor Jeb Bush

Christine Cauffield	Sarasota
Ken Connor	Leesburg, VA
James Handley	Cocoa Beach
Barbara Lumpkin	Orlando
Paul Malley	Tallahassee
Dr. Rhonda Medows	Jacksonville
Rocky Rodriguez	Fort Lauderdale
Debbie Sanderson	Fort Lauderdale
Linda Scribante	Sanibel Island

### **Congressional delegates:**

Senator Bill Nelson	Antonio Fransetta Wellington
Senator Mel Martinez	Rene Rodriguez Washington, DC
Rep. Michael Bilirakis	Patrick Whelan Safety Harbor
Rep. Allan Boyd	Sheila Salyer Tallahassee
Rep. Corrine Brown	Mary Adams Jacksonville

Rep. Ginny Brown-Waite	Nancy Robinson Spring Hill
Rep. Ander Crenshaw	Madaline Simpson Orange Park
Rep. Jim Davis	Luanne Reese St. Petersburg
Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart	Sylvia Iriondo Miami
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart	Angela Vazquez Miami
Rep. Mark Foley	Charles Kane Stuart
Rep. Tom Feeney	Jane Watkins Apopka
Rep. Alcee Hastings	Dr. Effie Gear Belle Glade
Rep. Katherine Harris	Bob Carter Sarasota
Rep. Ric Keller	Mary Terrell Orlando
Rep. Connie Mack	Samira Beckwith Fort Myers
Rep. Kendrick Meek	Debbie Kleinberg North Miami
Rep. John Mica	Cathy Brown St. Augustine
Rep. Jeff Miller	John Cavanaugh Pensacola
Rep. Adam Putnam	Alice O'Reilly Lakeland

Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen	Maria Cristina Oliva Miami
Rep. E. Clay Shaw	Ralph Marrinson Fort Lauderdale
Rep. Clifford Stearns	Diane Booth Ocala
Rep. Debbie Wasserman Shultz	Gail Weisberg Sunrise
Rep. Dave Weldon	John Anderson Cocoa Beach
Rep. Robert Wexler	Edith Lederberg Fort Lauderdale
Rep. C.W. Bill Young	Norm Bungard St. Petersburg